



GLOBAL DIASPORA FORUM | *where ideas meet action*

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AGENDA

2013 GLOBAL DIASPORA FORUM IN WASHINGTON, DC

(times and sessions subject to change)

Under the theme of “Where Ideas Meet Action” the 2013 GDF in Washington, D.C. provides the platform to discover inspiring stories from prominent diaspora figures in American popular culture, demonstrate exemplary initiatives in international development and diplomacy undertaken by diasporans of all generations, and showcase methods of organization and bridge-building that encourage next-generation diasporans to connect with their countries of heritage.

DAY 1: MONDAY, MAY 13th, 2013 OFFICIAL OPENING AT USAID

WHERE: The Ronald Reagan Building (The Pavilion Room), Washington, DC
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004

WHEN: Check-in and registration begin at 8:00 am, foyer leading to the Pavilion Room

GETTING THERE BY METRO: The Federal Triangle Metro Station (orange/blue lines) is located on the site of the Ronald Reagan Building, and is connected to the building by covered passageway.

8:00 – 10:45 am

The Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building

Welcome Reception and Registration*

USAID hosts the official opening of the 2013 Global Diaspora Forum in Washington, D.C. with a breakfast reception and registration session to welcome and gather the 2013 GDF DC participants. Special addresses and important information will be provided regarding Day 1's events at the Ronald Reagan Building and throughout the city, and Day 2's activities at the U.S. Department of State.

*** IMPORTANT: The Welcome Reception is open ONLY to GDF participants with a confirmed reservation. All participants with a confirmed reservation MUST BRING AN OFFICIAL PHOTO ID FOR SECURITY CHECK-IN AND TO REGISTER ATTENDANCE.**

9:00 – 9:15 am

The Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building

WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Maura O'Neill, Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development

9:15 – 9:30 am

The Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (*Invited*)

9:30 – 10:30 am The Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building	LEADING ON DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT: <i>A Conversation with Dr. Rajiv Shah</i> <i>(invited)</i> Prominent leaders share how their work in human development, at home and abroad, is driving real change in how we think about diaspora engagement for economic and social development. SPEAKERS: Dr. Gebisa Ejeta , Geneticist, Recipient of the World Food Prize Bill Barhydt , President and CEO, Boom Financial Haleh Esfandiari , Director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Live Q&A with audience
10:30 – 10:45 am	COFFEE BREAK
10:45 am – 12:00 pm The Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building	OPEN SESSION: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT This is an “open” session to allow GDF participants to learn and interact with representatives from various U.S. Government agencies. The agencies will be available to answer questions about current programs and existing initiatives, and to facilitate idea exchange and networking opportunities. Address: Raj Kumar, Co-Founder and President of Devex
<p style="text-align: center;">UNCONFERENCE EVENTS * (List of Unconference events follows)</p> <p>WHERE: Events are held in the Ronald Reagan Building and throughout the city WHEN: 10:45 am – 6:00 pm EVENTS: see Attachment</p> <p>IdEA is proud to partner with a wonderful variety of organizations to host events that showcase the diversity of American diaspora communities, provide the opportunity to convene leaders, and engage in a dialogue on a wide range of relevant diaspora issues. Events range from panels or roundtable discussions, to lunches, receptions, and networking events.</p> <p>* Open to the public but may require reservations with individual event organizers</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">GDF EVENING NETWORKING RECEPTION*</p> <p>WHERE: The Ronald Reagan Building (Pavilion Room), 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004 WHEN: 5:00 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT GENERATION NETWORKING RECEPTION*</p> <p>WHERE: Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 (corner of 5th and K Streets, NW) WHEN: 6:00 – 8:00 pm</p>

Opening Remarks by Mimi Alemayehou, Executive Vice President, OPIC

* This is a closed event and open only to registered GDF participants

* Open to the public; [REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE](#)

DAY 2: TUESDAY, MAY 14th, 2013
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHERE: The U.S. Department of State, Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (at C and 22nd Street, NW)

WHEN: Security Check-In begins at 8:00 am

GETTING THERE BY METRO: The Foggy Bottom Metro Station (orange/blue lines) is the closest train station to the Harry S. Truman building. Turn right from the Metro exit on 23rd Street, walk down 23rd Street, turn left on C Street and go through the Visitor Entrance (blue awning).

8:00 – 9:00 am
C Street Lobby,
The Harry S. Truman
Building, State
Department

SECURITY CHECK-IN*

*** CLOSED EVENT: Day 2 at the State Department is open only to GDF participants with a confirmed reservation. All participants with a confirmed reservation MUST BRING AN OFFICIAL PHOTO ID FOR SECURITY CHECK-IN AND TO REGISTER ATTENDANCE.**

Live GDF Twitter Feed and Live-Stream from Dublin, Ireland
throughout the day in the Delegates Lounge

MORNING PLENARY
LOY HENDERSON AUDITORIUM

8:45 – 9:00 am

WELCOMING REMARKS

Thomas Debass

The Acting Special Representative of the Secretary's Office of Global Partnerships,
U.S. Department of State

9:00 – 9:15 am

GLOBAL CITY SHOWCASE

from North America to Europe

Via live-stream, the Dublin GDF showcases prominent speakers and highlights from the EU GDF.

9:15 – 9:50 am

THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry (*Invited*)

9:50 – 10:10 am

THE SHEPHERD'S GIFT

A journey from humble beginnings to achieving the American dream and giving to communities in need

An Address from Hamdi Ulukaya, Founder, CEO, and President, Chobani

<p>10:10 – 10:45 am</p>	<p>ON A MISSION WITH LIYA KEBEDE Liya Kebede, Founder of the Liya Kebede Foundation and Lemlem, engages in a one-on-one conversation with David Ensor, Director of the Voice of America on the story of a childhood in Ethiopia, to the fashion runways of Paris and New York, motherhood, and her mission to save the lives of mothers and children worldwide.</p> <p>Live Q&A with DC participants and questions submitted via Twitter</p>
<p>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>THE GAME CHANGERS: DIASPORA ATHLETES TAKE ACTION Award-winning USA Today and ABC News sports columnist, Christine Brennan, holds an engaging conversation with some of America’s most notable and celebrated diaspora athletes. Hear from the athletes themselves on their ties with their diaspora communities and how they translate a life in sport into a life of philanthropy and public service.</p> <p>The Game Changers: Michelle Kwan – America’s most decorated skater, American diplomat and Special Olympics advocate Meb Keflezighi – Olympic marathon medalist, NYC Marathon winner, and philanthropist James Ihedigbo – American football safety for the Baltimore Ravens (2013 Super Bowl winners), founder of HOPE Africa and education advocate</p> <p>Live Q&A with DC participants and questions submitted via Twitter</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING 12:00 – 1:15 PM <i>Lunch picked up in the Delegates Lounge</i> <i>Tented seating in the Atlas Courtyard</i></p>	

THE ACTION SHOWCASE: PART I

Breakouts: 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Learn how diverse diaspora communities and leaders utilize a wide range of effective tools for meaningful engagement, within their communities and with their countries of heritage.

Action Showcase I Breakout #1 1:15 – 2:30 pm	MOBILIZING NEXT-GENERATION DIASPORANS TO TAKE ACTION This panel is a look at some of the young diasporans that are leading efforts to improve the lives of their counterparts in their country of heritage. Their work includes economic development, humanitarian work, advocating for minorities, and encouraging global engagement. Come and discover innovative models of engagement that can create impact in your community and abroad. Moderator: Zeenat Rahman, The U.S. Department of State’s Special Advisor for Global Youth Issues Panelists: Samier Mansur, Founder, Vice President at LiveSafe; and Founder Director of the Bangladesh Pluralism Project Manyang Reath Kher , Founder and CEO, Humanity Helping Sudan Maame Yankah , Youth Ambassador, Plan International USA Kalsoom Lakhani , CEO and Founder, Invest2Innovate (i2i)
Action Showcase I Breakout #2 1:15 – 2:30 pm	TURNING INVESTMENTS (BIG AND SMALL) INTO ACTION Learn ways to catalyze diaspora investments of all sizes by using online investment portals and social media platforms that support socio-economic development in home countries. Moderator: Ricardo Michel, Deputy Director, IDEA, USAID Panelists: Eric Guichard , CEO, Homestrings Guy Balan , Associate Partner, Leopard Capital LP Katleen Felix , General Director, Kanpe Foundation
Action Showcase I Breakout #3 1:15 – 2:30 pm	THE SCIENCE DIASPORAS LEAD THE ACTION <i>From Campus to Society</i> The United States provides a successful model for implementing technology and innovation policies and programs that accelerate economic growth and enable its citizens to compete globally. Come learn about how U.S. diaspora scientists and engineers are at the forefront of the knowledge transfer, entrepreneurship and commercialization of ideas that can address challenges and spur economic growth in their countries of origin. Moderator: Al Watkins, Executive Chairman, Global Innovation Summit Panelists: Rohit Shukla , CEO, Larta Institute Wole Soboyejo , President, African University of S&T Nigeria; Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University Lorena Barba , Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Boston University

<p>Action Showcase I</p> <p>Breakout #4 1:15 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>THE INNOVATION SHOWCASE</p> <p>Hear from the representatives of innovative and exemplary campaigns, initiatives and products that are aimed at informing the general public and engaging diaspora communities on critical issues in their communities and around the world.</p> <p>Moderator: Raul Hinojosa, White House Champion of Change and Founder of UCLA Professor of Chicano Studies</p> <p>Panelists: Aaron Sherinian, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations, The United Nations Foundation Khalid Fellahi, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Western Union Digital Ventures Mike Love, Chief Technology Officer, Mozido LLC</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COFFEE BREAK and SPEED NETWORKING SESSION 2:30– 3:15 pm <i>Refreshments in the Delegates Lounge</i> <i>Networking Session under the tents in the Atlas Courtyard</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">THE ACTION SHOWCASE: PART II Break-Outs: 3:15 – 4:30 pm</p> <p><i>Learn how diverse diaspora communities and leaders utilize a wide range of effective tools for meaningful engagement, within their communities and with their countries of heritage.</i></p>	
<p>Action Showcase II</p> <p>Breakout #1 3:15– 4:30 pm</p>	<p>GROOMING NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP</p> <p>A discussion with the next generation of diaspora leaders on their success stories, lessons learned, and developing paths forward for engagement in their wider diaspora communities and back in their countries of origin. Find the best ways to effectively leverage their creativity, dynamism, and energy, particularly at the university and young professional levels.</p> <p>Moderator: Semhar Araia, White House Champion of Change; Executive Director, Diaspora African Women’s Network</p> <p>Panelists: Aram Hamparian, Executive Director, Armenian National Committee of America Sophia Lafontant, Senior Alliance Advisor, Oxfam America</p>

<p>Action Showcase II</p> <p>Breakout #2 3:15– 4:30 pm</p>	<p>DIASPORA ENTREPRENEURS IN ACTION AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE Learn how diaspora entrepreneurs are making an impact through innovative business startups in the US, their home countries and beyond.</p> <p>Moderator: Stephen Keppel, Director of Empowerment Initiatives, Univision Communications Inc.</p> <p>Panelists: Grace Kyokunda, Senior Advisor, The World Bank’s InfoDev Susan Amat, Founder, Launch Pad David Wanjiru, Founder, Pork Delights Ltd and Winner, African Diaspora Marketplace II</p>
<p>Action Showcase II</p> <p>Breakout #3 3:15– 4:30 pm</p>	<p>OVERCOMING THE D’S OF DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT Seasoned diaspora leaders share their perspectives on the Distrust within Diaspora communities; the Dispersed nature of the Diaspora communities and the opportunities of programming with them; the Disparate nature of the Diaspora organizations and the opportunities of programming with them; and the Disorganized nature of the Diaspora communities and the role of federations and conveners. Case studies, program examples, and prescriptions will be shared with participants.</p> <p>Moderator: Rockfeler Herisse, Senior Alliance Advisor, USAID Panelists: Martha Smith, President, US-Mexico Foundation Deepak Lamba-Nieves, Ph.D, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning Dr. Georges Casimir, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, SUNY</p>
<p>Action Showcase II</p> <p>Breakout #4 3:15– 4:30 pm</p>	<p>LIVE WORKSHOP: THE TECHNOLOGY TOOLBOX Think you can’t create a podcast or design for a mobile device? Think again. Tech experts provide easy-to-follow tutorials on developing mobile and social media platforms to engage domestic and international audiences. This session will be of particular interest to participants looking to find innovative and tech-savvy ways to organize their communities in the U.S., and to connect with their countries of heritage.</p> <p>Workshop Tutor: Rob Bole, Director of the Broadcasting Board of Governors’ (BBG) Office of Digital and Design Innovation</p>
<p>4:40 – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>CLOSING AND SUMMARY REMARKS</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama</p> <p>Final Remarks: Thomas Debass, Acting Special Representative, Global Partnership Initiative, U.S. Department of State</p>
<p>CLOSE OF 2013 GDF DC</p>	